Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) The Scheme for extending the Conolly canal to Kunnamkulam was dropped mainly on account of the fact that although the larger part of the canal has to run through British Territory the Madras Government are not prepared to share in the cost of its construction.

(*b*) At the meeting of the Post-war Reconstruction Subject Committee relating to Public Works, Transport, etc., it was pointed out that Government themselves have dropped the scheme. There was no comment in the matter from any of the members of the Committee; and the Committee therefore considered the scheme as dropped.

(*c*) Of the schemes tentatively formulated by Government those relating to Railway extension to Kunnamkulam and Irinjalakkuda were dropped by Government. Government addressed the Railway administration in this behalf; but the Railway administration was not in favour of taking up the scheme especially in view of the good system of roads in the locality. From the replies received from the Railway administration Government came to the conclusion that no useful purpose will be served by pursuing the matter.

SIRKAR PRIMARY SCHOOLS—EXPENDITURE FOR RUNNING OF

204. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the expenditure for running a Sirkar Primary school with four classes;

(*b*) the expenditure that the Sirkar has to meet with reference to an aided primary school of 4 classes under the revised scales of pay and grant?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Government schools with 4 classes.—

		Rs.
Pay of 4 teachers in 20-40 grade—average pay Rs. 30	..	120
Specialist 1 do.	..	30
Head-master's supervision allowance	..	3
Masapady 1	..	10
	..	163×12
		1,956
Dearness allowance for 6 @ Rs. 20—20×6×12	..	1,440
Contingencies	..	40
P. C. R.	..	44
Total	..	3,480

(*b*) Aided school with 4 classes.—

(All the teachers are taken as trained)

		Rs.	A.	P.
Average grant for 4 teachers 20-40 grade at	..	26	4	0
Head-master's supervision allowance	..	2	4	0
Specialist 1 (20-40)	..	22	8	0
		129	12	0×12
	..	1,557	0	0
Contingent grant @7½ per cent		137	11	0
Dearnes allowance for 5 @Rs. 10	..	600	0	0
Total	..	2,294	11	0

N.B:—Only annual recurring expenditure is taken into account. Leave allowance has not been provided for.

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